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UM PRESENTS LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

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The Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program at The University of Montana has launched the fall 2003 Brown Bag Lecture Series.

Presentations are free and open to the public and will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room. Scheduled lectures are:

- **Sept. 26:** "International Cooperation, Education and Research Needs in Central Asia: A Trip Report," Otto Koester, UM Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program.
- **Oct. 17:** "Law and Legal Training in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan," Jeffrey Renz, UM School of Law, and Ben Reed, American Bar Association, Uzbekistan.
- **Oct. 22:** "The War in Chechnya: Its Impact on Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan," Thomas Goltz, journalist and author.
- **Nov. 7:** "Kyrgyzstan: A Geographical Perspective," Jeffrey Gritzner, Nicholas Hill and Patricia Richards; UM Department of Geography.
- **Dec. 5:** "Higher Education in Post-Soviet Central Asia," Almazbek Akhmataliev, rector, Naryn State University, Kyrgyzstan.

The Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program is a federally funded organization that promotes a deeper understanding of Central Asia and the Caspian Basin among UM students, faculty members and the Missoula community. For more information call 243-2235.

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